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IS THE WHEEL OF JUSTICE TURNING FULL CIRCLE? PAYBACK? End of contract!

In 1983 the University of Göttingen, under a 1939 the contract also sends a dubious political signal," the law that deemed a work unworthy of an academic, Dr Wilhelm Stäglich's 1951 awarded doctorate in law for having written, Der Auschwitz Mythos-Legende oder Wirklichkeit. Now there is another matter brewing at the university.

Outrage over German university's dismissal of anti-Semitism expert By BENJAMIN WEINTHAL, 05/16/2016 03:32

NEW YORK - The University of Göttingen unleashed a firestorm of criticism from scholars, students and Jewish organizations when it did not extend the employment contract of Dr. Samuel Salzborn - one of the most prominent academic experts in German anti-Semitism.

"It is a scandal! It shows that critical research on rightradicalism/anti-Semitism is not desired Germany," Julius Schoeps, a leading German Jewish historian and a descendant of the 18th century philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, wrote The Jerusalem Post by email in early May. "One can only shake his head."

An open letter supported by scores of academics, student groups, and human rights NGOs was sent to the university's administration in late April titled, "Retain the chair of Professor Salzborn." The letter states: "Prof. Salzborn is one of the most distinguished anti-Semitism researchers in the German-speaking area. Considering the Presidential Board's focus on continuously being nominated as a 'university of excellence' (granted by a Federal research program) the decision not to extend the contract is highly inconsistent, to say the least. Prof. Salzborn is also a renowned expert on right-wing extremism, who has published many studies on the subject."

Salzborn, who has been cited in the Post and the New York Times, also has an expertise in contemporary anti-Semitism - the loathing and de-legitimization of the Jewish state.

Göttingen is a major university city in the state of Lower Saxony. During the widespread outbreaks of anti-Semitism - including violence - amid Israel's Operation Protective Edge in 2014, Salzborn told The New York Times: "There is a startling indifference in the German public to the current display of anti-Semitism. In times of PEGIDA [Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West], arsoned refugee homes, the rise of the rightwing populist party AfD, and nearly five years after the neo-Nazi terrorist group NSU was discovered (the scope and support networks of which are yet to be fully examined) the Presidential Board's decision to not extend

letter reads.

"The faculty's student representatives (FSR SoWi) strongly criticize abandoning research on right-wing extremism at the University of Göttingen - this is undoubtedly the outcome of this decision." The protest letter, which has over 350 individual signees, closed with: "We are outraged by the Presidential Board's decision and we demand that Prof. Salzborn's contract will be extended, and to stop the continuous marginalization of our faculty and its programs."

In an email to the Post, Andrei Markovits, a professor of comparative politics and German studies at the University of Michigan, said "I think it is terrible to have Samuel's position eliminated."

Romas Bielke, a spokesperson for the university, wrote the Post by email that "it can't be spoken of a marginalization of the faculty, as it is called in the open letter. A weakening of the faculty is in no way intended. Rather a clear strengthening of the faculty is planned."

When asked about the reasons for terminating Salzborn's contract, Bielke said the university does not comment on 'personnel matters."

The university was engulfed in a modern anti-Semitism scandal in 2008 for teaching hatred of Israelis and a wild conspiracy theory about Jews.

The professor of sports, Arnd Krüger, argued in his lecture on "Hebron and Munich: How do we communicate sports history without getting caught in [the] snare of anti-Semitism?" that the 11 Israeli athletes and coaches who died at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich essentially committed suicide "for the cause of Israel."

Krüger also said Israel had a high abortion rate compared with other industrialized nations, and that the Jewish state went to great lengths to prevent "living with disabilities."

Ilan Mor, the then-chargé d'affairs at the Israeli Embassy, told the Post at the time: "What does that have to do with" the Palestinian Black September terror raid against Israel's Olympic squad?"

Mor said whether or not Krüger "steps down is a matter for the decision-makers" at the university and the German Federation of Science of Sports. "This is the worst form of dehumanizing the State of Israel," Mor added. The university did not dismiss Krüger. Bielke said the university's executive committee said at the time it will set a signal "against intolerance, racism and anti-Semitism." Salzborn has taught at the university since 2012. His contract will end in 2017.

http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Outrage-over-Germanuniversitys-dismissal-of-anti-Semitism-expert-454068

True ignorance is not the absence of knowledge, but the refusal to acquire it. — Sir Karl Popper

Talmudic inspired genocide

You must understand. The leading Bolsheviks who took over Russia were not Russians. They hated Russians. They hated Christians. Driven by ethnic hatred they tortured and slaughtered millions of Russians without a shred of human remorse. The October Revolution was not what you call in America the "Russian Revolution." It was an invasion and conquest over the Russian people. More of my countrymen suffered horrific crimes at their bloodstained hands than any people or nation ever suffered in the entirety of human history. It cannot be understated. Bolshevism was the greatest human slaughter of all time. The fact that most of the world is ignorant of this reality is proof that the global media itself is in the hands of the perpetrators.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1918-2008, Russian Nobel-Prize-winning novelist, historian and critic of Communist totalitarianism.

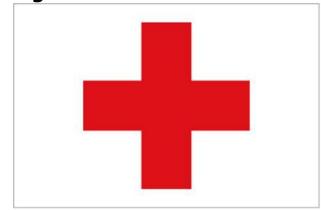
Raymond Goodwin:

I have disbelieved 6 million for a long time. Neither Churchill, DeGaulle, nor Eisenhower, in their combined 10 volumes about World War II - over one million words - mention gas chambers and/or extermination. Toward the end of the war, the entirety of the German population was exposed to famine and disease; not surprisingly, those in concentration camps were still worse off and large numbers died. As the article alleges, 6 million is a cabalistic number. The first mention was at a 1911 International Zionist convention in Geneva, according to historian Henry David, author of Palestinian Diaries. A second mention was in 1923, and no doubt others have come up. Germany's providing Israel with a second nuclear submarine, recently, shows that the Holocaust extortion continues. Indeed, Jewish political scientist Finkelstein wrote a book called "The Holocaust Industry".

RED CROSS EXPOSES "JUDAIC" HOLOCAUST HOAX: INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (IRC) DOCUMENT CONFIRMS 271 THOUSAND NOT 6 MILLION DIED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS – AND NOT from any "gas chambers" or planned extermination.



The Great Jewish Lie Holocaust Truth Exposed https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpc899uub-A



OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS RECORDS RELEASED

Sealed and guarded since the end of WWII at Arolsen, Germany, the Official IRC records reveal the actual Concentration Camp total death toll was 271,301

For years, people around the world – "the West" in particular – have been told that "six million Jews were systematically murdered by Germans in 'Concentration Camps' during World War 2."

Thousands of honest people disputing this claim have been viciously smeared as a hateful anti-Semite. Several countries around the world have jailed and heavily fined people for disputing the claim that "6 Million" Jews were killed.

Provided here is a scanned image of an Official International Red Cross document, proving the so-called "Holocaust" [the long-and-often-claimed-6-million Jews] is just plain wrong. Jews around the world have intentionally exaggerated and perpetually lied for the purpose of gaining political, emotional and business advantages for themselves.

They committed willful, criminal FRAUD upon millions of trusting people around the world!

Please NOTE that the truth has been known since long before 1979!!! The above compiler, replying to a letter, had to rely on information that was already in existence!!!

Tax-payers of Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Latvia, Poland and other nations have had multiple Millions of dollars taken from their wages to be paid out to "holocaust survivors" and their descendants for something that DID NOT HAPPEN.

The tax-payers of these United States of America spend Billion\$ each year in direct, indirect and military support of the State of Israel (which is not Biblical Israel).

This is intentional, criminal fraud on a scale so massive as to be almost incomprehensible.

Red Cross and East German government figures put the total deaths at every camp as 272.000, and 282,000 respectively which includes homosexuals, communists, gypsies, murderers, paedophiles etc. The 6 Million figure is a Kabbalist number, a magical figure which featured in news papers in the early 1900s.

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These numbers closely match the numbers I was taught in grade school. Interesting it is that this document surfaced. I heard the six million number as an adult, some time later. I was shocked by it, as if it was a new revelation. My school district was ridiculed for holding on to the old books that were published shortly after World War 2, but I think and have thought for years that SOMEONE in my school district knew that the new books were packed full of lies, and have never felt cheated over having such old books in school. After all, how much more accurate can you get than having something that was published when it happened, rather than later, when manipulations have taken place?

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Where do the innocent Germans, Americans and others go to get a refund?

I call for criminal prosecution of individuals and groups who filed false lawsuits to obtain holocaust reparations and financial damage awards and perpetrating deliberate fraud upon Courts.

I call for the removal of Holocaust references in History books and educational materials.

I call for the removal of Holocaust Memorials worldwide. It is long overdue that this intentional fraud be halted and those who perpetrated it be brought to justice for over 60 years of National Blood Libel against Germany and other nations through vicious lies and financial fraud. Two of the most important surveys of the Jewish question in Europe during World War II are David Irvings examination of the Russian archives after the wall came down. Irving published his findings in his book, "Hitler's War" and said not one word about gas chambers.

When question about this omission he said that there was no reference to gas chambers in the archives and therefore he did not discuss the question of gas chambers. Irving was arrested in several countries for hate speech for his scholarly omission.

The International Red Cross published their analysis in a three volume "Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross on its Activities during the Second World War" published in Geneva in 1948. This analysis expanded findings of two previous publications: "Sur L'activite' du CICR en faveur des civils detencus dans les camps de concentration en Allemagne 1939-1945 (Geneva, 1946) and "Inter Arma Caritas: The Work of the ICRF during the Second World War" (Geneva, 1947). In 1949 the International Red Cross interviewed prisoners in the German camps. They were not allowed to interview prisoners in the Russian camps which were far more harsh.

The German camps held both political prisoners (Schutzhaflinge) and those convicted of crimes. The Germans allowed the Red Cross to distribute food, medicine and clothing to the prisoners.

Grateful prisoners sent letters of thanks from Dachau, Buchenwalk, Sangerhausen, Sachsenhausen, Oranienburg, Flossenburg, Landsberg-am-Lech, Fibha, Ravensbruck, Hamburg-Neuengamme, Mauthausen, Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and others.

"The principal recipients were Belgians, Dutch, French, Greeks, Italians, Norwegians, Poles and stateless Jews' (Vol. III, p. 83).

Regarding Theresienstadt, the Red Cross said, ""where there were about 40,000 Jews deported from various countries, was a relatively privileged ghetto" (Vol. III, p.

"The Committee's delegates were able to visit the camp at Theresienstadt (Terezin) which was used exclusively for Jews and was governed by special conditions ... From information gathered by the Commmee, this camp had been started as an experiment by certain leaders of the Reich ... These men wished to give the Jews the means of setting up a communal life in a town under their own possessing administration and almost complete autonomy ... two delegates were able to visit the camp on April 6, 1945.

They confirmed the favourable impression gained on the

first visit" (Vol. I, p. 642). The ICRC also had praise for the regime of Ion Antonescu of Fascist Rumania where the Committee was able to extend special relief to 183,000 Rumanian Jews until the time of the Soviet occupation.

The aid then ceased and the ICRC complained bitterly that it never succeeded "in sending anything whatsoever to Russia" (Vol. II, p. 62). The same situation applied to many of the German camps after their "liberation" by the Russians.

The ICRC received a voluminous flow of mail from Auschwitz until the period of the Soviet occupation, when many of the internees were evacuated westward. But the efforts of the Red Cross to send relief to internees remaining at Auschwitz under Soviet control were futile. However, food parcels continued to be sent to former Auschwitz inmates transferred west to such camps as Buchenwald and Oranienburg.

NO MENTION OF GAS CHAMBERS

One of the most important aspects of the Report of the ICRC is that it clarifies the true cause of those deaths that undoubtedly occurred in the camps towards the end

Says the Report: "in the chaotic condition of Germany after the invasion during the final months of the war, the camps received no food supplies at all and starvation claimed an increasing number of victims.

Itself alarmed by this situation, the German Government at last informed the ICRC on February 1, 1945 ... In March 1945, discussions between the President of the ICRC and General of the S.S. Kaltenbrunner gave even more decisive results.

Relief could henceforth be distributed by the ICRC and one delegate was authorised to stay in each camp .I." (Vol. III, p.83).

Clearly, the German authorities were at pains to relieve the dire situation as far as they were able.

The Red Cross are quite explicit in stating that food supplies ceased at this time due to the Allied bombing of German transportation, and in the interests of interned Jews they had protested on March 15, 1944 against "the barbarous aerial warfare of the Allies" (Inter Armet Caritns, p. 78). B

By October 2, 1944, the ICRC had warned the German Foreign Office of the impending collapse of the German that transportation system, declaring starvation throughout Germany conditions for people becoming inevitable.

In dealing with this comprehensive, three-volume Report, it is important to stress that the delegates of the International Red Cross found no evidence whatsoever of 'gas chambers'.

The original 1946 edition did not even talk of 'extermination' or 'death camps' but after the emotional impact of the Nuremberg trials the Red Cross felt compelled to introduce into the expanded 1948 Report several, very cursory references to 'death camps' (Vol. 1 p. 641) and 'extermination camps' (Vol. I p. 645). However, no means of'extermination' is indicated.

In all its 1,600 pages the three-volume Report does not even mention such a thing as a 'gas chamber'. It acknowledges that Jews, like many other wartime nationalities, suffered rigours and privations, but' its complete silence on the subject of'gassings' is ample refutation of the 'Holocaust' legend.

NOT ALL WERE INTERNED

Volume III of the Report of the ICRC, Chapter 3 (I. Jewish Civilian Population) deals with the "aid given to the Jewish section of the free population" and this chapter makes it quite plain that by no means all of the European Jews were placed in internment camps but remained, subject to certain restrictions, as part of the free civilian population.

This conflicts directly with the "thoroughness" of the supposed "extermination programme", and with the claim in the forged Hoess memoirs that Eichmann was obsessed with seizing every single Jew he could lay his hands on," In Slovakia, for example, where Eichmann's assistant Dieter Wisliceny was in charge, the Report states that "A large proportian of the Jewish minority had permission to stay in the country, and at certain periods Slovakia was looked upon as a comparative haven of refuge for Jews, especially for those coming from Poland. Those who remained in Slovakia seem to have been in comparative safety until the end of August 1944, when a rising against the German forces took place. While it is true that the law of May 15, 1942 had brought about the internment of several thousand Jews, these people were held in camps where the conditions of food and lodging were tolerable, and where the internees were allowed to do paid work on terms almost equal to those of the free labour market" (Vol. I, p. 646).

Not only did large numbers of the three million or so European Jews avoid internment altogether, but the emigration of Jews continued throughout the war, generally by way of Hungary, Rumania and Turkey. Ironically, post-war Jewish emigration from German-occupied territories was also facilitated by the Reich, as in the case of the Polish Jews who had escaped to France before its occupation.

"The Jews from Poland who, whilst in France, had obtained entrance permits to the United States were held to be American citizens by the German occupying authorities, who further agreed to recognise the validity of about three thousand passports issued to Jews by the consulates of South American countries" (Vol. 1, p. 645). As future U.S. citizens, these Jews were held at the Vittel camp in southern France for American aliens. The emigration of European Jews from Hungary in particular proceeded during the war unhindered by the German authorities. "Until March 1944," says the Red Cross Report, "Jews who had the privilege of visas for Palestine were free to leave Hungary" (Vol. 1, p. 648). Even after the replacement of the Horthy Government in 1944 (following its attempted armistice with the Soviet Union) with a government more dependent on German authority, the emigration of Jews continued.

The Committee secured the pledges of both Britain and the United States "to give support by every means to the emigration of Jews from Hungary, " and from the U.S. Government the ICRC received a message stating that "The Government of the United States... now specifically repeats its assurance that arrangements will be made by it for the care of all Jews who in the present circumstances are allowed to leave" (Vol. 1, p. 649).

Official International Red Cross Records Released Sealed And Guarded Since The End Of WWII At Arolsen, Germany.

The Official IRC Records Reveal The Actual Concentration Camp Total Death Toll Was 271,301

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The Source of the six million figure is a Talmudic (Jewish Talmud) reference to a future holocaust in which six million Jews die.

The reason why they are claiming six million deaths in Nazi camps, even though that number vastly exceeds the number of Jews in Europe at the time, is because this reference in their scripture is something they fear deeply and wish to prevent at all costs.

The Ashkenazi Jews, which I have experience with honestly believe that prophecy is real, but can be manipulated.

They believe that prophets see into the future, and see what was believed and said, and then write that down as much as they reveal the word of GOD.

SO there is a group of Ashkenazi Jews who wish to make the six million figure HISTORY to prevent it from ever happening in the FUTURE by repeating this number over and over and over into the social concience, in the hope that prophets of old will also latch onto this, and report it as a factual event in the future, which would now be history.

In other words, they believe they can lie themselves a new future. I don't think so – I think their hardest days are ahead and one thing is certain, the genie is out of the bottle and through the word, the real truth of Fukushima may be like silly putty slowly sinking into the carpet, eventually it will be TOTALLY sunk in the carpet and nothing will get it out.

THIS could cause the six million Jewish deaths the prophecy speaks of, and No, I do not believe they can lie their way out of it.

Jewish Fraternity article

More at: http://truedemocracyparty.net/2012/06/red-cross-expose-judaic-holocaust-hoax/

And now from the a gush of ugliness inspired by the magical impulses emanating from the timeless challenges created by Richard Wagner and Adolf Hitler and their Germanic idealism, which the authors and reviewer of the play, Winifred, can only crudely grasp and understand. Groover refers to Mein Kampf as a squalid, disgusting autobiography/manifesto, which reflects what stuff resides in Groover's own mind – a morally and intellectually corrupt value system par excellence.

Winifred: Unsettling Tale of Nazi Love

Has World Premiere in Houston
BY D. L. GROOVER, MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 AT 9 A.M.



Theater LaB Houston and UnCommonWill Collective present the world premiere of Winifred. Photo by Ken Watkins

The setup:

In its world premiere from Theater LaB Houston, written and directed by Alva Hascall in collaboration with UnCommonWill Collective,

Winifred

is very much new-wave German expressionist theater. With its expansive use of projections, Brechtian fourth-wall breaking (Winifred talks to the stage manager, the sound designer and the audience throughout), and its Weimar-era

Cabaret

inspiration, this dissection of the life of one of music's most fascinating subsidiary characters has all the ingredients in place for a buttery, high-calorie strudel. However, the pastry, for all its tasty pedigree, remains half-baked.

The execution:

Of all the families in Nazi Germany, the Richard Wagner clan held the greatest allure for Adolf Hitler. He revered the great titan's music (strangely, the ecstatic and ethereal Lohengrin and, not so strangely, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, that stolid paean to German art and culture) and would visit the Wagner home in Bayreuth as often as he could, starting in 1923 before his infamous failed coup, the Beer Hall Putsch. Afterward, sitting in prison in Landsberg, Bavaria, the future dictator had time to write his squalid, disgusting autobiography/manifesto Mein Kampf (My Struggle), apparently written on note paper supplied by none other than the wife of Wagner's son Siegfried, Winifred Wagner. If Hitler was smitten with the English wife of the great man's son, Winifred was just as taken with this fiery man with the piercing emerald-blue eyes. At a later date, the family was abuzz that the Führer would certainly marry the widow (Siegfried died in 1930), but that never happened, nor apparently did any sexual encounter, even though "Wolf" would visit Winifred in the dead of night on lightning liaisons until WWII officially began and he was too busy in Berlin to visit the provinces. That distance, though, never stopped the family from visiting him in the capital. But in the '20s and '30s, a young Hitler bounced Siegfried's children on his knee at Wahnfried, the family villa in Bayreuth, and everybody affectionately called him Uncle Wolf. It's enough to make one shiver. It is a fascinating and terrible history, made more resonant by the association with Wagner's sublime music. Winifred's husband, Siegfried, was the eponymous dedicatee of "The Siegfried Idyll" (1870), Wagner's luscious chamber piece pretensions.

written as a birthday gift to wife Cosima (the daughter of Liszt) after the birth of their son.

When Siegfried died, his will stipulated that his heir, and hence head of the renowned Bayreuth Festival, would be his wife Winifred. For two decades, during the most treacherous period in Europe, this indomitable woman ran the most prestigious music festival in the world. Her association with the leader of Nazi Germany didn't hurt. She was an unrepentant Nazi until the end in 1980, wistfully remembering Wolf and the good old days. If you've ever seen Hans-Jürgen Syberberg's intimate yet five-hour-long documentary The Confessions of Winifred Wagner (1975), you know the unwavering depth of her feelings. The old lady almost becomes excited when talking about the maniacal butcher. Although she went through denazification after the war, she received a rather light sentence after two trials, even though she had to relinquish her festival duties, which, of course, passed uneasily into the hands of her two sons, Wieland and Wolfgang. (It remains a family-run business, filled with infighting, squabbles and enough treachery for a good many verismo operas.)

The history of this period is rich, interwoven and complex. Playwright Hascall condenses, simplifies and muddles. It's not only that Tek Wilson, as Winifred, wears an unconvincing Louise Brooks white bob, a hair style Winifred never sported and wouldn't have (she preferred the Gibson girl upsweep); but the play's historical time line, while somewhat chronological, is sanded down until it's unrecognizable. If you don't have a passing interest in the march of time, forget it. Ring heads, those impassioned admirers of Wagner's epic four-opera spectacle, Der Ring des Nibelungen, will admire the Wagner-influenced soundtrack, but will find themselves confounded by the sketchiness and the easy laughs at his expense. Wolfgang is never mentioned, nor are his two sisters, Friedelind and Verena, any of whom could be the subject of a sequel (or could at least make an appearance in this piece). Friedelind finally saw the light and eventually emigrated to America, where she wrote a scathing indictment of the Wagner family's ties to Hitler; while youngest Verena happily stayed put and married an SS officer.

Winifred is neither fish nor fowl, and most definitely needs a rewrite for future success. The play needs judicious tightening. That extraneous last segment, depicting a Bayreuth set designer whose guilt at not stopping the inherent horrors of the regime leads to his suicide, comes out of left field and neither enlightens Winifred's predicament nor showcases her. It takes away too much of her precious stage time. We've come to see her, to hear her witnessing, her confessional.

Yet the play is fascinating all the same. How could it not be? Hitler and Wagner together again with this gorgon lady leading the celebration.

Winifred's given a conscience, or bête noire, with the character of the Handsome Young Man (Jonathan Teverbaugh). Most of the time he plays her son Wieland, but he also prances about as a debauched Marlene Dietrich surrogate in top hat, fishnet stockings and high heels (and another bad wig that makes him look like Harpo Marx), as some sort of kept man (not very likely knowing Winifred's history), as a prosecutor at Winifred's trials, or as narrator of the designer's sad tale. Teverbaugh's a lively foil to Wilson, lighting her cigarettes, pouring her drinks and pricking her pretensions.

Wilson's been with this project since its inception, so it's a bit unsettling to see such an improvised performance from her. Maybe that's what director/author Hascall wants: an evening spent with this cranky old lady whose motives are always suspect, spinning tales as if out of the air. But Winifred is nothing if not cagey and sly. She knows just what she's doing and how to play for that effect. She winks at us, flirts with us and even gives us chocolates at one point to seduce us. "I did nothing wrong," she keeps insisting. "Who's a victim; who's not a victim?" is her mantra. "Tentative" is not in her lexicon. Dave Merson Hess's video projections are as startling and slap-in-your-face as if they're caricatures by George Grosz. But because they're so prominent and hideously eye-catching (those actual photographs of wartime injuries stop our breath), we lose focus with Winifred's

commentary. Who can concentrate on anything said onstage when confronted by such potent visual horrors?

The verdict:

Maybe that's the problem with Winifred. There's so much to detail in her story, so much to confess, so much to witness, so much to forgive. It's so fragrantly unsettling, like those blasted flowers of evil in Wagner's Parsifal. Winifred was most certainly a hothouse specimen. She bloomed and survived, rare and uncategorized. Whether she should have is grist for the historians.

Winifred runs through May 22, presented by Theatre LaB Houston and UnCommonWill Collective at The MATCH, 3400 Main. For tickets, call 713-521-4533 or visit matchouston.org. \$32 to \$47.

HTTP://WWW.HOUSTONPRESS.COM/ARTS/WINIFRED-UNSETTLING-TALE-OF-NAZI-LOVE-HAS-WORLD-PREMIERE-IN-HOUSTON-8404378



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Four ways U.S. seizure of Iranian assets will impact bilateral ties

By Ali Omidi, May 13, 2016



A crane is brought in after the explosion of the Marine Corps building in Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 23, 1983. The US Supreme Court ruled in April that almost \$2 billion in frozen Iranian assets must be turned over to American families of people killed in the 1983 bombing of a US Marine Corps barracks in Beirut and other attacks blamed on Iran. (photo by REUTERS)

TEHRAN, Iran — The US Supreme Court ruling to confiscate \$2 billion worth of Iranian assets compensate American victims of terrorist attacks has hit hard in Tehran. The asset seizure, which has the backing of the US State Department, has been described by Iran's President H assan Rouhani as "blatant theft," while Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has called it "highway robbery."

Summary

The US Supreme Court ruling to confiscate \$2 billion worth of Iranian assets to compensate American victims of terrorist attacks has several consequences that will impact bilateral ties between the two countries.

There is no doubt that the measure will have severe repercussions on the already tense relations between Tehran and Washington; its impact can be roughly categorized under four headings.

First, a "wall of mistrust" will be created. The Supreme Court ruling is causing Iranians to be pessimistic about the easing of tensions between Iran and the United States. Following the signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in July 2015, political experts were hopeful that the two countries would work toward the easing of tensions and removing this "wall of mistrust." However, with the recent Supreme Court decision, all such hope has been ruled out. This has not only empowered the opponents of the JCPOA in Iran, but also those more broadly opposed to relations with the West. This has prompted the Rouhani administration to adopt a passive approach.

Indeed, the commander of Iran's paramilitary Basij force, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Reza Naghdi, has stated, "This is not a small matter. After all the patience and flexibility to reach a [nuclear] agreement, the United States is now using something that happened 33 years ago as an excuse to confiscate \$2 billion of assets that belong to the Iranian nation." Meanwhile, Rouhani has talked of the unflinching difficulties facing the relations between Tehran and Washington and likened the US Supreme Court ruling to that of a hungry cat that is greedily eyeing Iran's assets. He said, "We have had, still do and will continue to have problems with the United States. So why should we throw meat in front of a cat and not expect it to be devoured?"

The US ruling has also become a subject for puns among Iranians on social media, with one person writing, "Very soon Iran will have to pay a multi-billion dollar compensation for the diapers used by [US Secretary of

State] John Kerry's grandchild," while someone else wrote, "United States! Don't pick our pocket, lift the sanctions instead."

The second impact of the court ruling is the increased prospects of the collapse of the JCPOA. Although the Supreme Court ruling is not directly linked to the JCPOA — and is in fact based on a lawsuit dating back to 2003 — these kinds of developments are often intertwined. The expectation among the Iranians following the conclusion of the <u>nuclear talks</u> was that all negotiating parties would cooperate based on goodwill. However, with the Iranians now viewing the recent US move as a malicious act, it will be difficult to engage in reciprocal cooperation to implement the JCPOA.

At present, the majority of JCPOA opponents in Iran <u>unanimously agree</u> that the Rouhani administration showed too much flexibility in regard to the nuclear file and that the US Supreme Court ruling is an indication of that. Former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who represents a wide array of Principlists, has described the JCPOA as a document supplemented with evident drawbacks for Iran, the result of which has been the stealing of Iranian assets. In a statement, Ahmadinejad's office rhetorically asked, "How can <u>Iran's nuclear rights</u> and its facilities that are approximately worth \$30 billion be thrown away — some destroyed while others left to be covered with dust — all based on vague, half promises made by the US president and his foreign secretary, without any concrete guarantee?"

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has, however, yet to take a direct stance regarding the US Supreme Court ruling. Just days before the asset seize, Ayatollah Khamenei had referred to the JCPOA as fragile, saying, "On paper the United States claims to have lifted sanctions, but in reality different steps are taken that create Iranophobia. The US banking regulations, which some European Union members are bound by, prevents them from doing business with Iran."

The third impact of the ruling is the neutralization of the grounds for trade. The neofunctionalist theory of international relations and history show that trade links can lead to bilateral political relations between nations and reduce their political differences. Considering that Iran's private sector is weak and that its economy is

mainly state-run, measures such as the US Supreme Court ruling will prevent both Iran's government and its private sector from depositing even a single dollar in a bank account when there is a possibility that Iranian assets could be confiscated by the United States. This has widened the gap between the two nations and their governments, while making it easier for hard-line politicians to maneuver as they wish. According to the US Census Bureau, bilateral trade between Iran and the United States — which is largely conducted by the private sector — was worth less than \$300 million in 2015, with \$271 million consisting of US exports. The Supreme Court ruling is likely to decrease this figure further.

Last but not least, the US Supreme Court ruling will empower Iran's hard-liners and weaken the Rouhani administration. The seizing of Iranian assets has had a negative impact on the image of Rouhani and Zarif, both of whom have pursued a policy of interaction and engagement with the West. If measures such as the asset seizure are repeated, and Iran's economy does not experience a significant change due to previous US sanctions, Iranian opponents of interaction with the West will definitely flex their muscles in the country's upcoming 2017 presidential elections. Though Rouhani's popularity has seen no palpable change as a result of the Supreme Court ruling, it has the potential to be negatively affected. According to a 2015 survey, public satisfaction with Rouhani declined only 1% between the spring and winter of 2015, reaching 48%. Public dissatisfaction with the Rouhani administration's <u>economic performance</u> also declined very little during this time. Given that Iranian voters are first and foremost preoccupied with the economy, these are all warning signs that require the United States and the West to adopt more logical policies toward the current administration in Iran.

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